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COMMISSION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR ELECTRONIC FILING PILOT PROJECT

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission today announced that it will conduct a pilot project for the electronic filing of documents in Commission proceedings over the Internet beginning October 1, 1999. The Commission is seeking volunteers for the project.

The pilot is intended to test the Commission's computer systems for the implementation of electronic filing, under which filings with the Commission will routinely be done electronically. The pilot will be limited to motions and notices to intervene, protests, comments and related filings. During the pilot, participants must continue to follow existing requirements for the filing of paper copies of documents.

Participants will assist the Commission in making electronic filing work on a large scale. Electronic filing, once implemented, is expected to reduce filing costs and enhance public access to filed documents. A limited group of volunteers will initially participate, with additional participants joining the group as the pilot proceeds. This will allow for as many volunteers as possible to participate and provide feedback.

In October 1998 and June 1999, the Commission held technical conferences to solicit comments on its electronic filing initiative.

Parties interested in volunteering for the pilot should contact Brooks Carter at (202) 501-8145.